SOUTH AMERICA.

We have by way of Esgland news from Rio Janeiro o July 2; Bahia, July 7, and Perambuco 13th.

At Rio coffee was steady at an advance of about 100 reis. Freights slightly improved. Flour in short supply and higher prices demanded, but business limited. Exchange on London, 2/4.

A squadros of British gun-boats had arrived at Rio, en-route for Chias.

At Perambuco prices of successions.

n-route for China.

At Pernambuco prices of sugar continued high-roduce unchanged. Freights nominal.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE MARSH CHILDREN .- These youthful celebri ties have been for a number of weeks performing at Laura Keene's Theater, during which time they have appeared in a variety of plays and other entertain ments. We confess, that in spite of the prastige of various "infant phenomenons," if our critical readers will excuse the English plural, we have never been able to realize the ability of mere children to perform, with any reasonable degree of acceptability, tragedies and comedies written for and only fitted for the comprehension of older people. To you, O admirers of fall sorts of juvenile precocity, we acknowledge; and we will try to bear patiently, the inevitable depreciation of ourselves in your good opinion, that we have never been able to sit through "Parthenia," "The Denouncer," "The Golden Farmer," "Black-Eyed Susan," "The Toodles," and kindred pieces as per-Susan," "The Toodles," and kindred pieces as per formed by the Marsh Children. Our experience of theatricals has taught us to believe that comprehension of passions and emotions is desirable, if not absolutely requisite to the representations of the said passions, &c., upon the stage. "Hence we view," as Mr. Chadband would say, that if a person who has had no experience of love, revenge, hate, jealousy, and other matters of great moment which agitate some-times the majority of souls, attempts to describe by narrative, or by dramatic action, the workings of those various moving powers, that person is certain to make a lamentable failure of it. In our humble opinion the proper performance of "Black-Eyed Susan" by the Marsh Children is not a whit more impossible than the fitting representation by them of the "Orestes" of Euripides, or the "Eumenides" of Eschylus, in the original Greek.

It is with feelings of sadness that we regard these exceedingly clever children, whenever we see them attempting to do things so palpably impossible as many dramas they attempt, by the injudicious enforcement of aspiring parents or ambitious managers. To see a twelve-year-old "William" sentenced to death by a ten-year-old "Admiral," for striking his superior officer of about eight and a half, would, we conceive, be ridiculous, if it were not sad. The spectacle of a child of seven years mimicking the drunken antics of " Toodles," may provoke laughter; but we fancy the mirth is only evoked from those who have no children of their own, and that the judicious parent will mourn rather than be merry. Youngsters learn vice enough in the natural way, without a special education by people who should know better, for the purpose of teaching them phases of vagabondism naturally beyoud their tender years. We therefore object in toto, and hereby enter our protest on scatimental grounds, as lovers of young children, against such exhibitions; and we further enter our critical protest with earnest ness and severity against such mutilations of the real intent of authors as must certainly occur when the words of those authors are spoken by persons who have no appreciation of their meaning. A love-lorn maiden of eight years, and a guilty miser of twelve! Why, we shall soon be treated to a "Hamlet" of six and a "Ghost" of four, with a gray beard descending to his tiny waist, prating of " foul crimes done in my days of nature." However, "Hamlet" has not been yet underlined, so we live in humble hope. But there is a class of dramas that can be performed

by children immeasurably better than by grown men and women-dramas that can be perfectly understood by them, for they are founded up on those beautiful fairy tales and magic land stories with which all prop-erly educated children are delighted in babyhood, and from which they get their first ideas of poetry and romance; and their earliest notions of justice date from the time when they learned to cherish an undying love for the wrot ged and injured princess, and an implacable bate for the bad and cruel king, who is always-or what child's inpate sense of the proprieties would be satisfied !-comfortably done up and finished at the last.

That most beautiful of fairy stories and earliest of childhood's literary delights, "Cinderella;" that other joy of loving children, "Beauty and the Beast," and the more modern German tale, "The Naiad Queen," with several others, have all been dramstized in such form as to make them most acceptable when played nildren. Older people seldom outgrow their taste for the stories of their early youth, and it is fully as grateful to them as to the youngest of their descendants to witness the slaying of the dragon and the victory of the daring knight, or the discomfiture of the wrinkled witch, and the ultimate triumph of the handsome young prince with his beautiful bride. Hig down under the crust which the ways of the world and the wickedness thereof have thickened over the hearts of too many men, and there, beneath the love of the alollar, will you find a lingering remembrance of the "Taking Bird," the "Singing Tree," and the "Golden Water," with a dearly-cherished dream, which the modern realities of steam and the telegraph have not been able entirely to smother; of romantic locomotion by means of the piece of tapestry which sailed swiftly through the air, bearing its fortunate owner wherever he wished, and of the magic wooden horse with the pegs in his neck. And such of these fairy stories as are not too ethereal for dramatic condensation, are, as we once before observed, better represented by little children than by grosser beings o

sager years.

It is in this style of dramas that the Marsh children are calculated to particularly shine, and to achieve their greatest renown. Among them are blue-eyed and golden-haired fairies in abundance-fairies subetantial enough to be visible to the eye, and their tiny voices not too delicate to be perceptible to the ears of any twenty-five-cent mortal. We truly rejoice that their managers seem to have become converted to our way of thinking, and, for the present at least, to have discarded the heavier drams. "The Naisd Queen" was played by them last week with great success, and last evening "Beauty and the Beast" was performed with even greater applause. This exquisite fairy drama, as given by these interesting juveniles, is truly a most pleasant thing to see. They are per fectly at home in it, and they act their several parts as if they thoroughly enjoyed, as no doubt they do, the whole thing. Where all are so pretty and so lovable it would not be fair to mention by name any whose characters in the drama give them unusual prominence before the audience, but it is sufficient to say that the whole piece is very beautifully performed. Parents erjoy it quite as well as the children, and all are fa better pleased with their evening's entertainment than if they had seen the same little folks disguised as ban dits, or doing heavy penance as misers or tobaccochewing sailors.

Go and see them and take all the babies, all of you who desire a grateful reminiscence of your earlier days for yourselves, and an evening in which your li tle ones shall experience so much of unalloyed pleasure that the event shall be a bright ee throughout their future lives.

heir future lives. / And, take our advice, Mesers, Managers, stick to the fairles, thereby gratifying your patrons, and giving the young histrions under your care the chance to do themselves the greatest credit.

WALLACK'S THEATER. - This house closes this evening in a blaze of glory for the season in a complimentary benefit to Mr. L. Katen, an old sign-painter as well as of the "manners as they rise." We hope to see a good house on this occasion for his sake, Mr Stuart's, the successful lessee, and for the welcome it will give to Daddy Rice, the father of Negro Minstrelsy, who plays his own inimitable "Otello" or the "Moor of the Pints."

THE DOORKEPER AT WALLACE'S .- We notice in a

Sunday paper a paragraph to the following effect:

"We trust that next season the very offensive individual who
has lately acted as doorkeeper at Wallack's Theater will be replaced by some one who knows how to behave himself like a
civilized human being."

Mr. Lawrence Bardan, the gentleman at whom these lines are aimed, is an old resident of this city, and has for the six years last past acted as doorkeeper at Wallack's Thea er and other popular places of resort. A personal acquaintance with him for several years has developed none of the "offensive" qualities so severely above referred to. On the contrary, we have ever found him so exceedingly gentlemenly and obliging that we cannot but believe that some personal pique has influenced the insertion of a paragraph which does so great injustice to an unoffending individual.

CITY ITEMS.

KANSAS. - Oliver Holden has been appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, &c., for Kansas, by Gov. Walker, and will be pleased to see the friends of Kansas at his office, No. 111 Broadway.

The Foreman of Engine Company No. 8 states that his Company was not in any way concerned in the fight in Nassau street on Saturday evening, although was at the fire.

REMARKABLE MEMORY IN A DEBTOR-A CURIOUS Case.-In the year 1810, a young joiner, doing business on the corner of Pelham and Cherry streets, in this city, became involved in his pecuniary affairs to an extent that rendered it necessary for him to ask the indulgence of his creditors, and many of them signed a release. In the course of the following year (1811) he obtained a discharge from his debts under the State Insolvent Law, when the Hon. R. C. Van Wyck was Recorder. Shortly afterward this young joiner left the city for Cayuga, in this State, where he obtained employment for a while, at one dollar per day. Here he became acquainted with Jethro Wood, the inventor of the cast-iron plows, and for whom he then went to work, made his patterns, and erected a small ironfoundery, using a horse to drive his bellows. He then manufactured and peddled the Wood plough for about five years, at the expiration of which period he removed to Columbus, Chio, and established nimself in the plow and foundery business, which he has continued up to the present time.

During the past year he made a quantity of cast-

ings for a railroad company, in payment for which he received a draft on a firm in this city amounting to nearly \$9,000, when he resolved to carry into effect a long-cherished wish to visit the Empire City, seek out all his old creditors, if living, or some of their children. For the past fortnight he has been in the city, actively engaged in the endeaver to carry out his intentions. He, however, found but one only of his old creditors living, viz: Mr. Robert Edwards of No. 387 Hudson street. On calling at the residence of that gentleman and inquiring of hish if he recollected a young man by the name of Joseph Ridgeway, a joiner, who, in 1810, occupied a place in Cherry street, Mr. Edwards, who is now about eighty years of age, replied: "I have some recollection of the boy; and I believe he owed me something when he left the city, but I don't remember how much." Mr. Ridgeway, who is now seventy-four years old, then addressing himself to Mr. Edwards, said: "I was that boy; and I have now come to pay you double the amount of that debt to which you refer." He then took from his pocket and unrolled a list of his old debts, amounting n the aggregate to about \$5,000, varying in sums from \$3 50 to \$224. In liquidation of the latter indebtedness, he handed over to a living daughter of his creditor the sum of \$448; to the son of another creditor he paid \$230 in discharge of a debt of half that mount. On offering to liquidate the last amount Mr. Ridgeway was referred to an executor; whereupon he replied, "I want to see no executor; I am legally discharged from the debt; besides, your father released me, and a debt of 47 years standing must be out lawed. No, I obey the law of conscience, and if any of my creditors are not living, I pay to their children the respective amounts of my indeptedness." This he has done with all whom he has been able to find; but, with the exception of Mr. Edwards, he has not found a single creditor or a representative of his old creditors who had any knowledge of Mr. Ridgeway. much less any claim against him; and in discharging these self-imposed obligations he has not in a single instance taken an acknowledgement of the fact from any one that he had paid the money to.

We would further take occasion to observe that Mr. Ridgeway has not been induced to take this honorable step in consequence of having more of this world's goods than he knows what to do with, as might be the case with others: or with a view of establishing for contrary, there is a mortgage upon Mr. Ridgeway's property to the amount of \$10,000, while at his time of life, and without a family, he has no particular desire r expectation of extending his business affairs.

Mr. Ridgeway represented the Columbus district Ohio, in Congress for six years—the last two years of Mr. Van Buren's administration, and the entire term of the Harrison and Tyler administration. It would be well for the country if it were always represented by men of Mr. Ridgeway's stamp.

A REQUISITION ON THE STREET-SPRINKLERS, -The watermen, or street-sprinklers, as they are called, were present in considerable numbers on Monday morning in the office of the Croton Aqueduct Depart. nent, having been sent for by Mr. Flanders, Water Purveyor, who has lately been very much annoyed by complaints from all sections of the city, but particuarly from Fifth and Madison avenues and other upown streets, that the watermen flood the streets in stend of merely endeavoring to lay the dust. It is ilso said that an immense quantity of water is needessly wasted at the places of filling their hogsheads beside the hydrants. Oftentimes the driver of the art leaves his hose to waste the Croton, to save him the trouble of screwing and unscrewing the butt. There are fifty-two street-sprinklers in the city, and the most of them-each with his tin sprinkler in his hand, as engthy as himself-were anxiously awaiting the inpection of the Purveyor as to whether the multitudi ous punctures in their apparatus answered the ordinance upon the subject. It appeared that some did and some did not, and the delinquents were severally fined or reprimanded, according to circumstances, and left the office promising to rectify their misdeeds in future. A specific regulation applies to the tin sprinkler, as to the size and number of its openings, length curve, &c. There is a good deal of competition in the street-sprinkling way, although the rate-thre cents per hogshead-which they pay for water is gen erally considered high. The operator goes about at first from house to house, and contracts with the residents to sprinkle before their doors at tweaty-five cents or thereabouts per week for the season. They are not allowed to sprinkle without first bringing petition or paper to the Croton Office, signed by residents of the particular locality, eignifying that the sprinkling is required. Last year the receipts at the office from this source were \$5,000, and much more water is being used this year.

THE DOGS .- The dog-days have fairly set in, and with the period we hear of many dogs going rabid in different sections, but not to the extent of former years, as near as can be ascertained. Our reporter visited the dog-pound on Saturday, and faraishes the

The dog pound, corner of Thirty-first street and First avenue, opened for the reception of live dogs at fifty cents per head on Wednesday, the 17th Jane, ince which time over four thousand curs have been apprehended and put out of the way by drowning. The pound will probably close on the 10th September. Dogs do not come in to the same extent they did on the opening of the pound. For the first two weeks the influx of canines was exceedingly large, over 900 dogs being taken in the first four days. The locality and internal arrangements of the pound are much improved to what they were last season. In place of broken-down fences and a dilapidated dog-office, with ony amount of filth within the inclosure, everything now wears a reat and comfortable appearance as far as a dog pound can be supposed possible of maintaining, and no person passing would suppose that an establishment of the kind was kept there. A new pine fence some ten feet in hight, handsomely painted, hides the operations within from the public gaze, and a long line of suitable sheds keeps the sun and rain off the quadrupeds while they are suffering their probation in the hands of the pound-keeper.

Mr. R. W. Sampson, the same person who had charge of the pound last year, has the care of the yard. Mr. A. Connor assists Mr. S. in his duties. The former stated that a rabid dog, the first of the season which showed unmistakable symptoms of hydrophobia, was brought in a few days ago. He was picked up in one of the down-town streets, and a few minutes after being brought into the office, while the boy was getting his pay, the dog began to froth at the mouth, jerked away from the boy, snapped at the legs of the table upon which Deputy Connor had taken refuge. and finally undertook to scramble up the wall of the building, when Mr. Sampson knocked him on the head and gave him his quietus. Sometimes, he says, it is difficult for him to tell whether dogs are mad or not when they are brought it, for they are so harassed by boys and choked with strings about their necks, they seem to have fits, or if they are not mad they cannot be far from it. In the instance mentioned, the rabid state of the animal was so apparent that all concerned were afraid for their lives.

The following table shows the number of dogs re-

June:	No.	Date		No	Date.	No
June 17	259	July	7	75	July 27	No
June 18	276	July	8	75	July 28	
Inne 16	167	Inly	9	50	July 29	
June 50		Iniv	10	84	July 30	
Inne 99	154	July	11	83	July 31	
June 25	125	fuly	13	42	August	1 51
June 24	139	July	14		August	36
June 23	130	July	10	,	August	44
June 26	100	Toly	17	54	Angust	64
June 27	190	Luis	18	6	Angust	74
June 29	167	July	20	61	August	84
July 1	76	Iui?	21	4	August	10
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July 6	114	July !	25	57	August	144

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 une 27.
 796 July 18.
 314 August 7.
 July 4.
 472 July 25.
 380 August 14.

received during the respective dog seasons since the opering of the pound in 1851: opering of the pound in 1803 : 1851 2.346 | 1853 3.722 | 1855 . 1852 2.584 | 1854 4.664 | 1856 . 1857 (zhus far) 4.154

The drowning takes place evey other day at sun down. Saturday night's dogs to be drowned, with Friday's, would be about 100. The apparatus for drowning has been described in this paper.

THE REV. MR. SPEAR-VISIT TO THE TOMBS. The Rev. Chas. Spear, the "prisoner's friend," paid visit to the Tombs on Saturday, and conversed with many of the inmates. He represents the Prison as one unfit for any reformatory purposes whatever, and states that a large portion of the inmates are young men. This he imputes to several causes: I. Evil company: 2. Want of a suitable home; 3. Gamoling houses; 4 Drinking saloons; 5, Indifference o merchants and others to the moral wolfare of their clerks. Mr. Spear has spent the last 20 years of his life in visiting prisoners and aiding discharged prisoners. He will visit the Islands and Sing Sing the pres-

CONTRACT FOR NEW GRAND RESERVOIR .- Scaled proposals were to have been received at the Cfoton queduct Office, until Saturday last, at noon, and then opened, for the construction of the embankments of the new Grand Reservoir of the Croton Aqueduct, notice to that effect having been published June 25. The bids were not opened as anticipated, but a new notice is now promulgated, to the effect that the time s extended to the 26th inst., as is stated, on account of the quantities advertised as the estimated amount of work to be done in the building of the Reservoir being not considered sufficiently explicit. The Board will readvertise the work, and state the approximate quantities on which the bids will be tested. If the lowest bidder refuses or omits to accept the work within forty-eight hours after written notice of the award, the contract will be readvertised for ten days, and relet. The Board will be ready to let the masonry for the gate-houses and pipe chambers appurtenant o the Reservoir, and also for the aqueduct conne ing it with the main work, in a short time. Due notice of this letting will be given. George S. Greene is the engineer in charge of the work. In addition to the reason for the delay given above, it was ascertained that the time was extended in consequence of an apprehension of rot being able to get a confirmaion of the award by the Common Council, because of their adjournment, and the matter is not likely to be taken up at an extra session.

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SPECIFICATIONS—THE QUANTITIES SOW READ;
792519 cubic yards of excavation, composed as follows:
60.304 cubic yards of soil and other material not suitable for the
construction of embankment, to be placed in spoil bank, of
which 17.362 cubic yards will be placed on the outer slopes of
the banks, and 25,050 cubic yards of excavation from the peadle
ditthes to be placed in embankment or spoil bank; 744,215
cubic vards of excavation for puddle and embankments.
224.464 cubic yards of rock excavation.
78,965 cubic yards of puddle in the ditches and embankments.
642.569 cubic yards of embankment, exclusive of the puddle
bank.

sik. 20,508 cubic yards of broken stone lining of inner slopes 47,111 cubic yards of atone paving or slope wall. 2 009 cubic yards of paving laid in cement. 355 cubic yards of brick wall laid in cement. 838 cubic yards of concrete on the middle bank 54,000 square feet (superficial measure) of sheet piling.

It will be perceived that this schedule is more compre ensive and explicit than that at first issued, and con ractors will not be at loss in knowing exactly what the are expected to furnish. The Engineer in-Chief state that 106 acres are embraced in the entire structure with 90 feet of water surface, depth 86 feet, and will contain 640 000 00s of gallons. The land for the Reservoir lies between Eighty-fifth and Ninety seventh-sts. vest of Fifth avenue. The work was expected to be commenced about the middle of September, but wil now be necessarily delayed. A number of the heaviest and best contractors in the country have already put in estimates. It is presumed three years will be occupied n building the Reservoir, although the contractors are not limited to a specified time. The original form pro posed for the embankment was a rectangle, but it has ince been concluded to follow the natural acclivities and depressions of the soil, hence the reservoir lake will be serpentire in its outline and of something of ar eval shape. By the map in the Croton office, it would appear that when it comes to be finished, the new Res rvoir will be a decided ornament to the locality and a beautiful oasis to that hitherto barren and unsigntly region. For some distance about the lake shrubbery will be planted and other means taken to gratify the censes of visitors.

Charles Spear, editor of The Prisoner's Friend, Boston, delivered an address, in Bleecker-street Church, on Crime. He gave the following statistics of America. England, and France: Number of convicts confined in the prisons of the United States, 50,000; ic England, 30,000; in France, 50,000. Mr. Spear then proceeded to show the reforms that should be carried out. First: All persons detained for trial should be kept in a separate prison from the condemned. Second: Matrens should be appointed where females are committed. Third: Labor should be introduced into every prison. Fourth: There should be an Asylum for Inc. bristes. Fifth: Wifnesses should have a separate prison. Sixth: Parents should make their homes nore attractive and pleasant to their children. Mr. Spear illustrated his subject by a great variety of facts, and closed by recommending that the Churches should sustain at least one Prison Missionary in the United States. Mr. Spear, we understand is still

AN Appeless on CRIME.-Last Sabbath, the Rev.

aboring in this vicinity, and is meditating a lecture,

THE SLAVE CASE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY -Th case of the little colored girl Elien, who was adjudged free by Judge Robertson on Thursday last at Katonah, came up again yesterday according to adjournment Judge Robertson, it will be remembered, had reserved the question of guardianship, leaving the child in the mean time in the bards of the constable, Mr. Hoyt, and was to have a further bearing on that point vesterday At the opening of the Court Mr. Jay stated, in a few words, that he was persuaded the only power that lay with the Judge of the County Court was simply to or der the delivery of the child to its natural guardian, itgrandfather, John Bull, who was then present, and he therefore moved the Court to that effect. On the other hand, a note was handed to the Judge from Miss Kerr begging that, while she resigned all power over the child, Mr. Aaron Ryder, of Sing Sing, might be appointed its guardian. The Court, however, decided that such a motion could not be received. The Judge furthermore declared that he had made a careful examination of the powers of a County Judge in such a case, and was convinced that no power of appointing a guardian rested with him. He therefore delivered the child to its natural guardian and grandfather, John Bull, as suggested by Mr. Jay. The following is a

child to its hatura guardian and gradulater, John Bull, as suggested by Mr. Jay. The following is a copy of the order issued by the Judge:

At a Term of the County Court of Westchester County, held at Katonah, in the said county, on the 17th day of August, 187. Present, the Hon WM H. Robertson, County Judge.

In the matter of the psition of John Bull, touching his grand-child Ellen, and of a motion by Louisa J. Kerr, praying to be appointed the grandian of said child.

The motion heretofore made by Miss Louisa J. Kerr to be appointed the guardian of the said child Ellen, having come on to be heard before me, pursuant to the order of adjournment made in the said matter on the 12th day of August inst., and the said Louisa J. Kerr appearing by her friend, Mr. Jesse Ryder, and praying by a written petition that Mr. Aaron Ryder of Sing Sing be appointed the guardian of said child; and John Buil, the grandfather of the said child, having appeared by his counsel, Mr. John Jay, and objected to the authority of the County Judge to appoint any guardian in the said case, and having demanded the delivery of the said claid to him, the said grandfather, as her natural guardian; and it appearing to the said Court, after due deliberation, that the County Judge has no authority under the laws of this State to grant the motion of the said Louis at J. Kerr for the apopint. has no authority under the laws of this State to grant the motion of the said Louisa J. Kerr for the appoint ment of a guardian to the said child, it is hereby ordered that the said motion be and the same is hereby denied; and it is further ordered that the said child Ellen be forthwith delivered into the hands of her grandfather, John Bull, as her natural guardian and of his said granddaughter.

W. H. ROBERTSON, Westchester County Judge.

The child had not seen its grandfather for several years, and was, at first, a little aby of him. By the kind attentions of judicious friends, however, she was soon reconciled to a proposed change, and in the course of two or three hours left in the cars with her grandfather, for this city, in the happiest mood. We understand that it is the intertion of the grandfather to appoint a guardian immediately, and that steps are already taken to provide for her future welfare, by placing her in some family where she will be educated and fitted to become a useful and reputable membe of society. We hope the worthy people who shall undertake this work will not be adjudged under the Dred Scott decision to be, therefore, engaged in treasonable practices.

EXCITEMENT OF BOARD THE HUNCHBACK .- A perfect stampede of the passengers occurred on board of the ferry-boat Hunchback, on her downstrip at 5 o clock. When in the middle of the bay, near Quar-antine, the steam began to eavelop the promeands deck, and the shricks attending its escape caused a general fright among the lady passengers. When they were quieted, it was ascertained that the packing, as it s called, in the cylinder, composed of raw cotton and woolen cloths, had been blown out by reason of the boiler being too much heated. The sound of the steam escaping continued till the boat got to Tompkinsville deck, when the damage was repaired and she continaed her trip as usual. For a little while the stampede was general; women rushed down stairs at the risk of their necks, and nearly everybody was looking around for the means of his or her saf ty. The sound of ru-h ing steam frightened a horse attached to a gig on the beat, and he was with difficulty restrained from rushing overboard.

A NEW THEATER ON BROADWAY -" WOOD'S BUILDINGS,"-Among the many improvements now in progress about the city, not the least worthy of attention and notice is the splendid marble-front structure known as "Wood's Buildings." Nos. 561 and 563 Broadway, on the site of the old Lyc-um building, erected by Mr. Henry Wood, and designed for a theater. The exterior on the street is nearly finished, The structure is 50 feet in width and 137; feet in depth. The front, five stories in hight, is of white pasble, and in the Grezian order of architecture, and in point of elegance and substantiability will vie with my other building on Broadway. The basement, which is very large and roomy, is being fitted up for first-class restaurant. On either side of the entrance will be two spacious stores about 130 feet deep. The theater is on the second floor, and far enough in the rear to be free from any noise or disturbance that might transpire in the street. The entrance, through a beautiful archway, leads to a roomy vestibule, which is to be elegantly freecoed and decorated. Opposite the doorway a stairs of gentle rise leads to another vestibule on the second floor, and a promenade forty feet long by thirty feet wide. This vestibule and promenade are to be set with mirrors from the floor to the ceiling, and otherwise decorated; from the come will be susperded a large chandeher. The flooring will be of marble tile in mesaic style, of ele gant design and the finest workmanship. From the vestibule and promenade doors lead to the parquette of the theater, and on either side are stairways to the dress circle. The theater is 52 feet high, 50 feet wide and 103] feet deep, and exiculated to seat in the par quette, first and second circles, 2,500 people. The ome over the parquette is to be specially arranged for vertilating the house. No plastering is to be used in the theater except on the side walls. The ceilings of the galleries will be ceiled and covered with lines canvas, this method being adopted by Mr. Wood to prevent the occurrence of accident. The walls and ceilings are to be righly frescood in delicate colors, the columns and fronts of the galleries to be of white and gold. The upholstery work will be of sitk and worsted, n greer, blue andgold colors. The house will be lighted from the galleries, from the front of which, at short distances apart, will be small figures supportng the burners. The stage is about forty feet deep, with a pro-cenium thirty feet wide and about twelve feet in depth. On each side of the house are two private boxes, but they have been differently arranged from those in theaters generally. Instead of being in mediately on the proscenium, they are in this inarce set back and overlook the orchestra. This arrangement is made with a view of afforcing the oc cupants of the loxes a better view of the performances, and to prevent persons from looking behind the scenes. On each side of the stage are to be two large figures, bearing shields, with appropriate designs emblematic of the trams.

The structure, when completed, will have cost about \$60,000 or \$65,000. The various appointments of the house will be arranged with a view to the comfort of the occupants. Veurilation has not been loss eight of. In frost there are about twenty-four windows, in addition to which there are several windows on the side, near the roof, and a large door at the rear of the stage. It is expected that the house will be figished about the middle of September, and it may be teady for occupancy before that time. Although specially designed for theatrical performances, we understand that the establishment will be opened by the 'Christy and Wood's Minstrels."

Forgery .- Officer Gil Hays, of the Merchanta' Police, yesterday morning arrested a young man named leadore Adler, alias Woifinger, charged with forging

the name of Siegman Brothers & Co. to a check for \$100 on the Harover Bank. It appears that on the Str day of August last, Adler went to the store of H. M. Cohen & Co., No. 115 Liberty street, and stated to Herman D. Silverman, one of the firm whom be there met, that he had been sent to borrow a check for \$500 until the next Menday, when the same would be returned. Mr. Silverman, knowing that Adler was in the employ of Siegman Brothers & Co., and believing that he had been sent as stated, drew a check on the Hanover Bank for \$500, to the order of the said firm, and gave it to Adler. On sending for the return o the check on the following Monday, Coben & Co. ascertained that Adler had never been sent to borrow the check; and it was subsequently ascertained that said Adler had presented the check at the bank and received payment therefor, having first forged the

indorsement of Siegman Brothers & Co. Mr. Henry Siegman, of the firm of Siegman Brothers & Co., of No. 49 Barclay street, made affidavit that the indersement of the name of their firm to the said check was a forgery, that neither be nor any other member of said firm wrote or authorized the same to be written. Mr. Siegman further alleged that said forgery was feloriously committed by Adler; that said Adler had confessed in his presence and in the pres ence of Officer Hays that he forged the same, presented the check at the Bank and drew the money thereon.

Edward P. Cobb, Paying Teller of the Hanover Back, testified that on the 8th day of August, 1857, Adler presented for payment at the counter of said Bank a check drawn by Cohen & Co. for \$500, at the same time requesting to be paid in bills, as he had been instructed to get the check cashed in that way. Mr. Cobb recognized Adler as baving recently been in the employ of the firm purporting to be the indorsers of said check and paid the money without entertaining a suspicion that the same was forged. A few days afterward the indersement was declared to be a

The accused is 15 years of age, a native of Austria, lives at No. 90 Clinton street, and says he is not guilty. In default of \$2,000 bail, Justice Connolly, before whom Adler was taken, committed him to prison.

CUNNINGHAMIANA .- We understand that the Surrogate has read through the voluminous testimony in the Cunningham-Burdell case, and is now engaged in writing his opinion. Unless the illness with which ho was attacked yesterday, probably in consequence of excessive labor during the hot weather, assume a serious aspect, we shall probably know whether to call the woman of No. 31 Bond street Mrs. Cunningham or Mrs. Burndell before the end of the week.

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The father of the babe who played so active a part in the Cunringham farce is a well-known character. His name is James L. Anderson. He is an Englishman by birth, and very well connected in his native country. Hie was at one time in the British army. In this country, he has been a phrenologist, biologist, &c. He is a man of fine intellect, but low in his habits and very dispersed. very dissipsted. He was at one time a Methodist preacher, and was driven from Louisville, Ky., for at-In one respect, Mrs. Cunningham's last performance was not a failure. She set out to be confined, and has succeeded admirably. She is not, however, in a sinking condition, as the Courts refuse to allow her to be bailed out.

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STABLING AFFRAY.-Yesterday morning a severe stabbing affray occurred on board of the schooner Louise, lying at pier No. 128, North River which resulted in one of the party being dangerously stabbed in the left side with a dirk. It appears from informatior received that the schooner arrived at this port on Saturday from Havara, and during the voyage an altercation took place between two of the sailors named Dowry and Mulear. The captain, after learning the facts, put Mulear in irons for two days, and nothing more was said about the matter until yester-day morning, when Mulear, who had been out during the night, came on board drunk, and commenced to abuse Dowry, who was on watch. The old matter was renewed, and Dowry was stabbed as above stated. Some bearmen being near, heard the noise and proerected on board and arrested Mulear and conveyed him to the Twenty-second Precinct Station-House, where he was locked up. Dowry's wound is represented to be an ugly and dangerous one. He was conveved to the City Hospital.

ACCIDENTS.-Yesterday afternoon James Galven was run over by a cart in front of the Astor House and hadly injured.

Michael Flanagan was kicked by a horse, at the correr of Broadway and Forty-second street, and sus sined a cop pound fracture of the leg.

Thomas Gore fell from a building, at the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, and sustained a severe Michael Battisburg fell through a batchway, at the

corner of Frankfort and Cliff streets, and was badly iniured. The above-named persons were conveyed to the New-York Hospital.

FATAL BOATING EXCURSION-A YOUNG LADY DROWNED -On Sunday evening a small sail boat, after returning from an excursion on the North River. was opect at the pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, and Mrs. Mary Ann Donnelly, a lady 17 years of age, who had been married but five weeks, was drowned The boat contained another lady and two gentlemen, and although all were thrown into the water, Mrs. Deprelly was the only one drowned-persons on the pier having rescued the others. The accident is said to have occurred from the circumstance of the parties having all got upon one side of the boat, as hey were about to land-their weight capsized the beat and all were precipitated into the water. The body of Mrs. Donnelly was recovered soon after, and Coroner Hills held an inquest upon it The Jury rendered a verdict of "accidental drowning."

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT NYACK .- The new place f worship erected for the Baptist Society of Nyack, Rockland County, will be dedicated to morrow (Wedperday), the 19th inst. The Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Wilhams is expected to preach on the occasion.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.-Elias Burke was arrested yesterday, charged with stabbing one W. Hawden in the back with some sharp instrument, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound. It appears that the parties got into some alterestion in Laurens street, which resulted as above stated. Justice Flandreau committed the accused to prison.

PICKPOCKETS .- Yesterday afternoon, as an old lady named Jane B. Lownds was passing through Hadson street, two colored men approached, and while one of them jostled violently against her, the other snatched from her hand a leather bsg. Both then took to their heels and made off as soon as possible, the old lady meantime screaming "Stop thief," Officers Albertson Quaddle and Wintringham, of the Ninth Precinct, has pering to be near at hand and hearing the trouble, started in pursuit of the negroes, and finally over-banied them in a stable on Hudson street, whither they had fled with a view of escaping. The thiever were conveyed to Jefferson Market, where they gave their rames as Jacob Meyers and John Williams. Justice Flandreau locked them up.

A SNAPPFE-UP OF UNCONSIDERED TRIFLES .- Jacob Schweiner, the stevedore who was arrested on Saturday night for stealing several household articles from his fellow lodgers, as he was making his escape out of the Quarantine inclosure, will be tried by a jury at 6 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, at the Tompkinsville Court House, before Justice Deforest. Schweiner goes by the name of Dr. Burdell among his comrades, is a tall, raw-bored German, who cannot speak English. The Justice is determined to make an example of these stavedores who, instead of guarding property that comes under their hands, fa'l to and steal themselves.

A Bot RES OVER AND KILLED .- John Keerman, & boy seven years of age, whose parents reside at No. 233 First avenue, died yesterday from injuries received

by being run over at the corner of Tenth s'reet and avenue by a wagon. Coroner Connery held an inquest upon the body, and the occurrence having been shown to have been unavoidable on the part of the criver, the Jury rendered a verdict of " accidental

BOY DROWNED AT MOTT HAVES .- On Friday last a boy six years old, by the name of Hyatt, fell into the Harlem River, head first, and was drowned. His hat was found floating in the water, and as he failed to return home, a search was instituted, which resulted in finding his body half buried in the mud, head down-

HUDSON RIVER ITEMS .- Drowned while Attempting to Swim Across the Hudson. -Two men named Morgan Lake and Pulver Madison on Sunday afternoon started from the Whale Dock at Poughkeepsie, to swim across the river. When about one third of the way over Madison suddenly disappeared and was drowned. Lake swam across and started to return; but was met by a boat and taken on board in an exhausted condiion. Mr. Madison was about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

Taken Back to the Asylum .- George Lake, the murderer of his wife and children, who escaped from the Lunatic Asylum during the late fire, was conveyed to his old quarters on Saturday, in charge of Sheriff Sands of Poughkeepsie. He complained that the Asylum was cold, and that he was too closely confired, and wished to return to the old homestead, where he could walk about and take the fresh air. Lake is apparently in the last stages of consumption. Drowned .- Wm. Fitzpatrick, a lad 16 years of age, whose parents reside in Rondout, was drowned on Saturday off Barryville, in attempting to swim across

Fatal Accident .- A painful accident occurred on Saturday to Wm. A. Mickle, esq., a farmer, residing at Mill Valley, about two miles west of Middleburgh, Schobarie County. He got up a "bee," for the purpose of bark-peeling, and late in the afternoon, while engaged stripping a tree which had just been cut down, he was struck on the breast by the limb of another tree, which fell unexpectedly near where he was at work. Mr M. was immediately carried to his residence and medical aid provided, but his injuries were of so serious a nature that he died during the

the river with his clothes on.

STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.-A my STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.—A mysterious affair took place yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, about balf a mile below the Ocean House, Shrewsbury, N. J. As two gentlemen, Mesers. Baun and Bradway, were strolling along the shore, they noticed a small sail boat throw out her anchor, and land bury, N. J. As two gentiemen, mesers, haus Bradway, were strolling along the shore, they noticed a small sail boat throw out her anchor, and land four passengers, one of whom carried a shovel. As there was something singular about their movemeats, they were closely watched. They proceeded to a spot about fifty rods from the hore, where the one who carried a shovel commenced to dig. Two of the party returning to the boat took thence a mahogany coffin, handsomely mounted, and hore it to the spot where the others were diggirg. Of course the curiosity of those on the watch was not diminished by these operations. Out of the hole which was dug the four mer raised a human body, wrapped in blankets, and placed it in the coffin. At this point Mr. Baun came forward and addressed the man who seemed to take the lead in the business, and whom the others called "Doctor." This "Doctor" stated that the body was that of a young American girl, who had been a demestic in his ramily; that she had been for some time sick and that a few days before he had taken her out for a sail, but that she died on board the boat, and having his family with him, he would not take the remains back, but gave them a temporary resting place in the sand, until he could make the necessary preparation for a decent interment. Mr. Baun desired him to stop at the Ocean House and report what had transpired, which he readily aromised to do. The promise, however, was not kept. Suparintendeal. Tallmadge, who was stopping at the Ocean House, being intermed of the facts, repaired to the apot and found that the grave, which was not more than a foot deep, emitted a most offensive smell, showing that the bedy was far gone in decomposition. Two of the parties in the beat are recognized, and pessibly some arrests will be made. At present thereseems to be evident reason for suspecting foul play of some kind.

Found Drowner.—The body of an unknown mass.

FOUND DROWNED.—The body of an unknown massupposed to have been drowned on Saturday evening while bathing at the foot of Forty-first street, East River, was yesterday found in the water near Forty-crond street. The clething which is supposed to have belonged to deceased, was found upon the pier at Forty-first street. It consisted of brown cloth pants, blue overalls, palmieaf hat and, &c. In one of the pockets of the clothing was an envelope indexed Wm. C. Berjamin, No. 227 East Twenty-first treet. The Coroners were notified, and an inquest will be held upon the body this merning.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.
Sin: The statement in your paper of to-day, charging No. 8 Engine Company with being sugaged in the fight on the corner of Nassan and Fulton streets, on Saturday evening last, is incorrect, as the said Company were in no way conservantering by correcting the said statement you will much oblige a Company who have always endeavored to depremptly, and without recourse to the "shoulder.

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